

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 883
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Patty Littlejohn on
being presented the 2003 Presidential Award for
Excellence in Mathematics and Science
Teaching.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Patty Littlejohn is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished
herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Littlejohn has recently been presented with the 2003 Presidential Award
for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, an honor most befitting her outstanding
tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives;
and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Award for Excellence, sponsored by the National Science
Foundation, was established in 1983 by the White House to honor those individuals nationwide
who serve as exemplary math and science teachers; the goal of the awards is to expand and
exemplify the definition of excellent science and mathematics teaching; and

WHEREAS, this year's recipients were chosen by a panel of esteemed Mathematicians,
Scientists, and Educators in conjunction with the White House and those teachers chosen had
the privilege of attending recognition events in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Littlejohn is most deserving of such a prestigious honor as she has
served with acumen and alacrity for 29 years as an inspirational Science Teacher at Freedom
Middle School; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, Ms. Littlejohn works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, while attending the recognition events in Washington, Ms. Littlejohn attended several receptions and summits in addition to meeting with the President's Education Cabinet; Secretary of Education, Rod Paige; the Director of Science and Teaching Policies for the President, Dr. Kathie Olsen; and President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Littlejohn truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, attributing much of her success to the support of her colleagues and superiors, Ms. Littlejohn is most grateful for the leadership of Principal Kristi Jefferson and Director of Schools Dr. David Snowden; and

WHEREAS, Patty Littlejohn truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Patty Littlejohn on being presented with the 2003 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.